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SUBJECT: OCT. 30 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORT PREPARATIONS BY

PRES. SARKIS TO DEPLOY ARAB DETERRENT FORCE

1. MEDIA STRESSED EFFORTS BY PRES. SARKIS TO IMPLEMENT
ARAB SUMMIT RESES AND DEPLOY ADF. PRESS BANNERED: "PRES.

SARKIS CONTINUES HIS CONSULTATIONS TO FORM ADF." ASF

COMMANDER MET WITH SARKIS TO PLAN TRANSITION TO ADF.

MAJ. GEN. GHUNAYM CLAIMED, FOLLOWING HIS TALKS WITH

SARKIS, THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON TIMETABLE

FOR WITHDRAWAL IN LIGHT OF SUMMIT RESES. PRESS CITED

REPORTS FROM INFORMED SOURCE IN BEIRUT THAT DEPLOYMENT

OF ADF DISCUSSED WITH VARIOUS CONCERNED FACTIONS IN

LEBANON AND THAT SOME ADF UNITS HAVE TAKEN UP

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THEIR ASSIGNED POSITIONS IN LEBANESE DISTRICTS AND

ON MOST LEBANESE ROADS IN PREPARATION FOR RE-OPENING
OF TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY BEIRUT-DAMASCUS ROAD AND
ROAD LEADING TO BEIRUT AIRPORT.

2. PRESS REPORTED SARKIS MET WITH SPEAKER KAMAL AL-ASAAD TO DISCUSS SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION. ASAAD REPORTEDLY TOLD SARKIS STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO WARD OFF DANGER PRESENTLY THREATENING SOUTH, AND SUGGESTED ARAB GUARANTEES FOR THIS REGION.

3. MEDIA NOTED STATEMENT BY PHALANGIST LEADERS PAKRADOUNI AND BASHIR GEMAYEL PLEDGING THEIR PARTY WILL SUPPORT DECISIONS BY SARKIS TO IMPLEMENT SUMMIT RESIS. MEDIA ALSO CITED REMARKS BY PLO LEADER ARAFAT IN ALGERIA THAT SUMMIT RESES. HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO RESOLUTION OF LEBANESE CONFLICT. MEDIA REFERRED TO CONTINUING COMMENTARY IN ARAB PRESS SUPPORTING SUMMIT DECISIONS AND APPEALING FOR GREATER ARAB SOLIDARITY. ACCORDING TO AL-THAWRAH, "RACIST ZIONIST ENTITY EXPRESSING ANXIETY ABOUT RESULTS OF CAIRO SUMMIT." IRAQ IS AGAIN CRITICIZED FOR CRITICIZING ARAB SUMMIT AND WEAKENING ARAB SOLIDARITY.

4. AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST ASSERTED GREAT DEFEAT HAS BEFALLEN PLOTTERS AND SCHEMERS OF LEBANESE WAR.

5. COMMENT: DAMASCUS MEDIA CITATION OF ARAB PRESS VIEWS ON LEBANON AND STRESS ON NEED FOR ARAB SOLIDARITY UNDERLINE TO SYRIAN PUBLIC THAT SYRIA NO LONGER ISOLATED IN ARAB WORLD BECAUSE OF ITS POLICY IN LEBANON. THIS FATE INSTEAD RESERVED FOR IRAQ. MEDIA SUGGESTING THAT PLO, ALGERIA, EGYPT AND PHALANGE ALL APPARENTLY IN FULL AGREEMENT ON STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN LEBANON.
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